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SUBJECT: NOTES FOR SECRETARY'S LONDON PRESS MEETING

1. ASSUME IN DEEP BACKGROUND SESSION SECRETARY WILL COVER THE COMPLETE RANGE OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, PROBLEMS. MIDDLE EAST WILL BE UPPERMOST IN LISTENERS' MINDS, OF COURSE. IN ADDITION TO EXPOSITION PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, GROUP WILL WANT SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON OIL, GULF, MONEY RECYCLING. SPECULATION CONTINUES IN EDITORIAL COLUMNS HERE ON US POSSIBLE USE OF FORCE IN MIDDLE EAST. MILITARY SALES POLICY IS CONCERN, TOO, WITH KENNEDY AMENDMENT IN MIND. US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIPS IN MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RENEWED AID TO PAKISTAN WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL WITH THIS GROUP. CYPRUS, WITH ATTENDANT TURKISH/GREEK PROBLEMS IS OF COURSE STRONG ISSUE IN BRITAIN. SECRETARY MIGHT TOUCH ON PORTUGAL AND SPAIN, AS WELL. AS TO DETENTE, INTEREST IS HIGH IN STATE OF CURRENT ACTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS THE MORE GENERAL PROSPECTS. THERE IS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT PULLING AND TUGGING BETWEEN US EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES IN FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC, AND ENERGY MATTERS.
2. SINCE BRITAIN IS WRAPPED UP IN OWN PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS
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ARE LIKELY TO BE UK-ORIENTED. SECRETARY WILL GET

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INSISTENT QUESTIONING ON US ATTITUDE TOWARD BRITAIN
AND COMMON MARKET. ON OIL, HE CAN EXPECT QUESTIONS ON
AMERICAN COMPANIES AND NORTH SEA EXPLORATION,
EXPLOITATION AND TAXES. GROUP WILL WANT TO KNOW HOW
SECRETARY SEES PRESENT STATE OF ANGLO-AMERICAN
RELATIONSHIPS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS, WITH BRITAIN
IN OR OUT OF MARKET.
3. INTEREST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS DIMINISHED, BUT
GIVEN PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS, THERE COULD WELL BE QUESTION
ON VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

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